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City considers using flags at crosswalks

Pedestrians carrying flags when crossing will get attention of drivers, councillor says PAGE 3

Being jerks won't win favours in the city, Nenshi warns Uber

Fueling concerns. Mayor worried about app backers' tact in other cities

Conduct and concerns about insurance have Calgary's mayor stopping short of endorsing a campaign to bring the popular e-hailing Uber app to the city.

"Let's just say, it's always better if you're not a jerk," Nenshi told Metro, "and, in the case of Uber, they have continuously suggested that they're willing to work with the regulator, but in other cities their actions have not proven that — and that's a problem."

Uber's services allow ride seekers to directly link up with drivers of everything from luxury sedans to common family vehicles. The company did run a trial of its UberBlack sedan service in Calgary last year, but Nenshi said there were reports that the company it linked up with was using drivers that didn't even have basic licences.

Uber has also received nearly 6,000 signatures on an online petition titled "Calgary Needs Uber" and has begun posting Facebook ads aimed at recruiting city drivers for its UberX service, one that sees people use everyday vehicles to provide low-cost transportation for customers.

For his part, Nenshi said he sees a route that would allow UberBlack to operate in the city, adding he's "very happy" to discuss regulation changes that would remove the minimum $84.60 fare luxury drivers are required to charge and eliminate, at least during peak-demand hours, a requirement that all luxury rides be arranged with customers 30 minutes in advance.

But the mayor deemed UberX "a different kettle of fish," because of insurance concerns.

"The challenge with insurance is Uber has claimed they have a $5-million policy, they talk about it all the time, but they won't show us the documentation of that policy," he said. "This is a big deal. There is a reason every car on the road has to have insurance, and we have to sort that out along with issues of driver training. I have to say, to date, Uber has not been particularly interested in sorting that out."

Uber spokesperson Lauren Altmin said in an email her organization has had several meetings with Calgary officials in recent months, including those stationed in the mayor's office. She said the company maintains a "contingent liability policy" for all UberX rides and its app is focused on transparency and accountability.

"The fact remains that Calgarians en masse are asking for more and better transportation options in their city, and Uber is committed to working toward a solution," Altmin said.

Nenshi, however, offered little indication that progress was being made on bringing Uber to the city.

"When they're willing to actually sit down with us, we'll sit down with them," he said.

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi has some stern words for those behind a popular e-hailing app. METRO FILE

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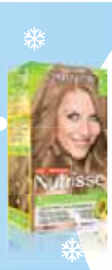

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Are good old flags the key to pedestrian safety?

Mixed reaction.
Proponents say they're an inexpensive safety method, skeptics say they're 'over-complicating walking'

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Putting flags in buckets for pedestrians to carry as they cross the street at many of Calgary's roughly 3,000 signed crosswalks could cheaply and easily reduce collisions, says the city's leader of traffic safety.

"The flag doesn't really make you any safer, but it's actually the instruction on how to use the flag," Tony Churchill told members of city council Wednesday. "You hold the flag out until you have a driver's attention and they stop, and you don't step in front of the vehicle until the vehicle is stopped. Then you cross partway and you make sure the next vehicle is stopped."

'Range of enhancements'

Tony Churchill, the city's leader of traffic safety operations, said the flag idea is just one of many being considered as Calgary looks to advance its pedestrian strategy and upgrade its crosswalks. "Having a range of enhancements ... there's a benefit to that," he said.

HOW TO USE CROSSWALK FLAGS
SIGNAL TO DRIVERS ON YOUR LEFT.
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AS YOU APPROACH CENTER OF ROAD, SIGNAL TO DRIVERS ON RIGHT.
WHEN TRAFFIC ON RIGHT HAS STOPPED, COMPLETE YOUR CROSSING.
RETURN FLAG TO HOLDER.

Calgary resident Jim Darrell took these photos of flag-based crosswalks in Port Orchard, Wash., this summer. COURTESY JIM DARRELL

Churchill said he's seen "great examples" of the low-tech method's effectiveness in Washington state.

The City of Halifax recently approved the same approach, and it has the support of at least one councillor in Calgary.

"It really helps the pedestrian pay attention and it's highly visible," said Coun. Druh Farrell. "I think we should be trying these things. That's a really old method, but it's really effective."

Churchill said flags and buckets can be installed at a fraction of the cost — including both the up-front installation and ongoing maintenance expenses — of overhead crossing lights, street-adjacent rectangular rapid-flashing beacons and even simple ladder crosswalks that involve painting streets.

"What I really like about the flag one … is it gives information about how to cross safely," Churchill said. "Pedestrians and drivers, it's a joint responsibility to have that safe crossing."

But Kimberley Nelson, a pedestrian advocate in Calgary, was a bit taken aback by the suggestion.

"Wow," she said when informed of the flag idea. "To me, that sounds almost like you're over-complicating walking."

Not only would the flags likely be stolen, but Nelson said the concept "makes walking sound dangerous" and doesn't fit with the city's broader pedestrian strategy of encouraging more people to get around on foot.

"If you have to stop and get instructions on how to cross the road, then you're failing active mobility in every way, shape and form," she said.

But Jim Darrell, president of the Meadowlark Park Community Association, thought the flags would be a welcome addition at some Calgary crosswalks.

Darrell encountered similar flags this summer while travelling in Port Orchard, Wash., just outside of Seattle, and said they "worked great" for pedestrians trying to get from one side of a high-traffic street to the other.

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Support swells to change diploma exam weighting

'Time we have this discussion'. Testing model has been in place since 1980s

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Jack James High School students Dayton Sinclair-Geddes, left, James Wilson and Jess Genaille all said Wednesday they see issues with the hefty weighting given to Alberta Grade 12 diploma exams. All three are in Grade 11. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Certain school boards, parent groups, teachers and students are giving a failing grade to the 50 per cent weighting of Alberta Grade 12 diploma exams and say it's time to change the decades-old practice, which is unlike any other in Canada.

On Tuesday, Edmonton Public Schools trustees backed a motion spearheaded by Leduc's Catholic board that calls for the weight of the daunting end-of-year tests to be reduced to 30 per cent.

The endorsements come as the province is already in the process of shifting away from provincial achievement tests for younger students at the end of the year and instead turning to computerized assessments shortly after the commencement of September classes. The thinking is instructors can gauge where a student's strengths and weaknesses lie from the outset and then work to assist their improvement.

Edmonton public trustee chair Sarah Hoffman said Wednesday that a student's final grade needs to reflect their true knowledge and should involve more comprehensive testing.

"There are a number of jurisdictions that don't have end-of-term exams — some do," she said. "It seems to be more and more that are moving away.... I think it's time we have this discussion."

The diplomas have been worth 50 per cent of a Grade 12 student's mark since the 1980s. In response, the Alberta Teachers' Association has had a position statement on the books since 1990 calling for a reduction.

President Mark Ramsankar said union representatives actually support an even lower 20 per cent weighting, but deemed the board endorsements a "huge first step."

"I'm hoping I see the tides changing.... This is going to benefit Alberta students," he said.

Neither of Calgary's school trustee boards have taken a stance on the motion yet, but it's due to be debated at an Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) meeting Nov. 17, and each group of elected representatives will vote for or against the motion.

If passed, the ASBA would then lobby the province for formal changes.

Calgary Catholic School District chair Linda Wellman, a trustee for 25 years, said calls for reduced weighting aren't new and that the situation creates a "mixed bag" for students.

"Some students look at the exams as an opportunity to hunker down for a week or couple days and really study and pull their socks up if you will," she said. "Maybe they've not paid as much attention to the day-to-day classroom work or they've had things going on in their lives.... They look at that as an opportunity to bring that mark up.

"Other students do really, really well and excel in class … then, they just struggle with exams; they freeze up, and everything they knew is gone," she said. WITH FILES FROM LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO IN EDMONTON

Waiting for grades

Post-secondary admittance

Alberta Teachers' Association President Mark Ramsankar said he's heard more than two dozen out-of-province post-secondary schools will admit students to their institutions without consideration of their diploma scores.

According to Louise Legris, director of undergraduate admissions for Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C., the timing of the diploma grades proves problematic.

"They don't write the provincial exam until June, and we're making our offers between January and May," she said Wednesday. "We're not waiting until they write the exam, we use whatever they give us at the time of admission.... If they have written the exam, we use whichever one is better, either the course grade alone or the blended grade that takes into account both the course grade and the diploma."

The University of Alberta, meanwhile, said in September it was spurring a pilot project to enrol more undergrads in the spring, described as the "sweet spot" for student recruitment. The university has traditionally waited for an applicant's final Grade 12 marks before admitting them — most offers don't arrive until August.

Past research has also suggested Alberta students competing against those from other provinces are at a disadvantage due to the weighting of the diploma exams.

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An example from the portfolio of work published on the "Pharaohs Enhancing Body Art" website. SCREENSHOT

Tattoo shop's clients advised to get tested for hepatitis, HIV

'Very unfair.' Owner of home-based Pharaohs Tattooing says his operation was safe; AHS disagrees

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Health officials have shut down a home-based tattoo parlour in northwest Calgary and are advising anyone who got inked there to get tested for infectious diseases, including HIV.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) ordered the closure of Pharaohs Tattooing, based out of a residence at Unit 8, 3519 Centre St. N.W., on Oct. 30 based on "unsanitary" conditions and on Wednesday issued a warning to clients.

The end

"There is no shop. It's closed down. I'm looking for a full-time job. I'm done."

A man who identified himself as the owner of Pharaohs Tattooing

Anyone who received tattoos there is advised to call Health Link Alberta at 1-866-408-5465.

"What we would like to do is arrange confidential testing for them for various blood-borne viruses like hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, medical officer of health for the Calgary zone.

Pharaohs remains closed under AHS orders, and a man who answered the phone number listed on the "Pharaohs Enhancing Body Art" website Wednesday and identified himself as the owner said he has no plans to reopen.

"There is no shop," he said. "It's closed down. I'm looking for a full-time job. I'm done."

The man said he moved to Calgary in January and started running the tattoo business out of his home, part time, in March.

Between then and the date he got shut down, he figures he only inked 10 customers and said he has had no complaints.

He admitted he didn't get the facility inspected and approved before opening, something that AHS requires of new tattoo operations.

"I'm at fault for that. I didn't do that," he said. "But what I was doing, I know it's safe."

The man said the inspectors' main concerns centred around his carpet in his home and the "cold sterilization" process he used for his equipment.

He said he's considering suing AHS, although he has yet to contact a lawyer.

"I think it was very unfair what they did," he said. "They have different standards here. I'm from Ontario."

Closure orders

Alberta Health Services has two other active closure orders on tattoo facilities in the province: Dermal Defiance Tattoos in Camrose and Riley's Ink in Veteran.

- A closure order was also issued on Sept. 18 for an "unnamed tattoo studio" on the second floor of 4909 50th Ave. in Red Deer, but it has since been rescinded.
- For inspection information on any tattoo parlour, would-be clients can call AHS at 403-943-2288.

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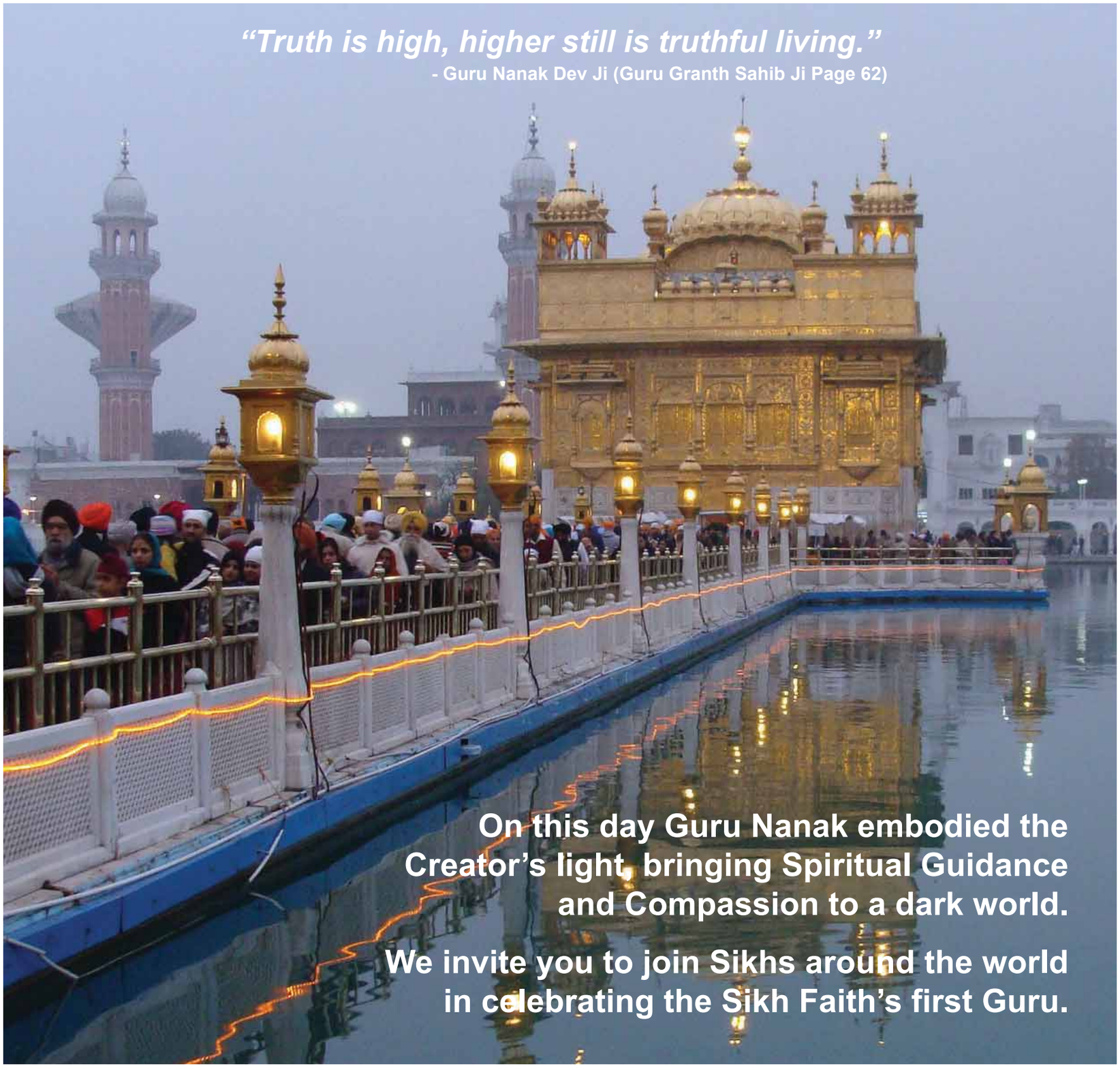
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Calgary private school that went bankrupt ‘never had a strong financial foundation’

Public dough a no go? Opposition critic questions the need to funnel money through such institutions

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Officials behind a city private school that went belly up, leaving scores of home-schooling families without education funds, were operating on a “break-even basis” and a failed facility move only ratcheted up the financial pressure, according to a report.

On Tuesday, Metro spoke with numerous families who are now considered “unsecured creditors” after the private school that collected their annual $822 provincial-funding allotment, Green Learning Foundation (GLF), declared bankruptcy last month.

The abandoned Green Learning Academy is seen Wednesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Many turned their blame to the province, questioning how the school received a total payout of nearly $479,000 this year, some of which was due to aid their kids, despite indications of financial instability.

A preliminary trustee report produced by Ernst & Young, which is handling the foundation’s file, appears to lend credence to the parents’ claims.

“Up to 2009, GLF was supported by the founders on an annual basis through loans to the school,” reads the report obtained by Metro. “The loans were ultimately written off through a donation in August 2010. The trustee is advised that GLF never had a strong financial foundation and operated on a break-even basis from its inception until 2013.”

The report goes on to describe how last year the foundation failed to secure a new home for its actual academy due to “zoning issues” involving the City of Calgary. Ultimately, the planned move was abandoned and GLF returned to its original facility but was forced to pay higher rent and saw 40 per cent of its students pulled from the school.

The academy has since been shut, and 53 students left learning there have moved on to other private and public school entities, according to the province.

Alberta Education added Tuesday that it did remind the foundation of its reporting requirements on multiple occasions this year and only supplied the outstanding funds after being provided with audited financial statements in August.

But Kent Hehr, Alberta Liberal education critic, said the situation fuels long-standing concerns he’s had about the trust placed in the province when it comes to private schools.

“We’ve seen this happen time and time again with private schools,” Hehr said. “They go in and out of business, and the government has little oversight over the practices going on.... My sense is public dollars should go to public institutions. We understand that boards of education are set up throughout this province and they can — and do — manage home-schooling files.”

Progress for parents?

Parents and other organizations with funds owed attended a first meeting of creditors Tuesday. In an interview Wednesday, however, Ernst & Young trustee Bob Taylor said that the parents, as unsecured creditors, would have their matters resolved after secured entities.

- The foundation, for example, owes the Canada Revenue Agency approximately $158,500. Taylor said the timeline for resolving bankruptcy matters can vary greatly.
- In its bankruptcy filing, Green Learning identified roughly $382,000 in cash-only assets and about $488,000 in total liabilities.

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Old CBE HQs. Remediations underway, future unclear

As crews cart truckloads of scaffolding to the former downtown headquarters of the Calgary Board of Education, the future of the building remains up in the air, says a representative of the current owners.

Speaking for Great West Life Realty Advisors, Susan MacLaurin said current tasks involve bringing the storied building up to code.

According to MacLaurin, there is damage from the 2013 flood to be repaired, in addition to clearing the space of unwanted stuff.

"As you might expect, there's a lot within that building that was used by former tenants that holds no value today," she said.

"We're taking out old carpet, old ceiling tiles, those kinds of things."

The Brutalist-style building, located along Macleod Trail S.E. at 5th Avenue, was erected in 1969 as part of a larger urban renewal plan.

The CBE sold the headquarters in 2012 for $36.5 million.

The recent arrival of construction workers appears to be the most activity onsite in years.

MacLaurin couldn't give a lot of detail about the flood damage sustained but said, "between the flood and tough Calgary winters, you have to think about how to winterize a building like that."

She couldn't reveal any details about the future of the building.

"There would be no ability to comment in any way, shape or form about any plans," she said, adding she suspects any developments at the site are "a time away."

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Calgary police facial-recognition software can take a blurry image and quickly match it to a mug shot in their database. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Face-matching police program triggers privacy investigation

Body-worn cams, too. Commissioner says CPS has not been in touch about projects

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Days after implementing the use of new facial-recognition technology, the Calgary Police Service (CPS) is coming face-to-face with another force.

Privacy commissioner Jill Clayton has launched an investigation into two new CPS technologies — facial-recognition software and body-worn cameras — after concerns over privacy and questions of being compliant with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

After not receiving formal response to her letter in October concerning the body-worn camera project, Clayton told Metro she was concerned about the force's eagerness to roll out the privacy-complex cameras.

"We had a number of calls when the Edmonton Police Service went ahead with a pilot project to look at body-worn cameras," said Clayton. "They had actually submitted a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to our office and consulted with our office on some of the privacy implications associated with this new technology." She added that they haven't had the same contact with CPS.

On Monday, CPS launched Neo Face Reveal, a computer program equipped to search police databases and match photos of suspects to mug shots already on file.

"This technology will not be used to identify people walking down the street as a member of the general public," said Insp. Rosemary Hawkins. "It will be used to identify subjects involved in criminal activity under police investigation."

Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said CPS is looking forward to a dialogue with the privacy commissioner.

"We certainly follow all of the FOIP requirements and we know what the law is to that."

He said they have full-time staff and a FOIP lawyer dedicated to privacy concerns with the CPS.

"Initiatives such as this have had privacy concerns on the forefront right from the conceptual idea right through the rollout."

The investigation will help Clayton understand how and why CPS is using these technologies, examine management of personal information and review the security measures in place to ensure that privacy is being addressed and people's information won't be used inappropriately.

Mckenzie Towne. Calgary high school locked down after weapons call

Tensions were high in the Mckenzie Towne area Wednesday afternoon as the Calgary Police Service (CPS) responded to a possible weapons call nearby just as the school was about to let out.

At approximately 2:50 p.m., CPS responded to a call at a Walmart on 130th Avenue S.E. The report was that a man with a weapon was hanging around the loading dock area.

Police wouldn't give a description of the suspect, as accounts varied too much to distinguish, but Duty Insp. Steve Adair confirmed the suspect had a brown brushcut.

"It kind of went in different directions, and that's why we just didn't want to take any chances when we thought the person was headed over towards the school," said Adair.

He said the suspect was reportedly carrying a handgun, possibly a BB gun.

Ten minutes after the call at 3 p.m., McKenzie Towne school was put under lockdown after concerns that the suspect would wander by the school just as students were getting out of class.

There were eight officers deployed to deal with the complaint, including a tactical unit.

Police scoured the area for about an hour trying to locate the mysterious suspect but came up empty-handed. They have beefed up forces in the area to ensure security.

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Varying accounts

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Duty Insp. Steve Adair

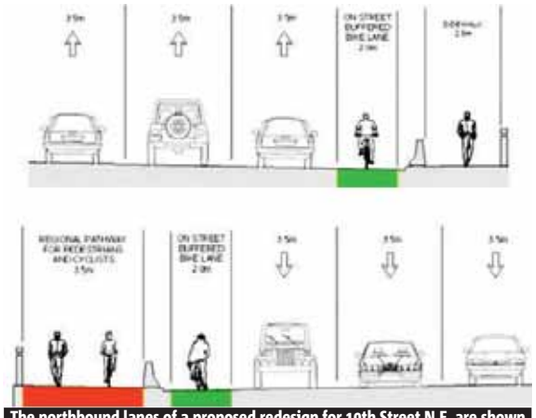
Chabot backs bike lanes, pathway along 19th St. N.E.

Connecting communities. 16th Avenue has separated neighbourhoods for too long, Ward 10 councillor says

Calgary is overdoing the cycling infrastructure in a proposed $205-million redesign of a major northeast intersection, according to several city councillors, but the area councillor says the plan will re-connect two long-separated communities.

"This is what the community has said they wanted," Coun. Andre Chabot said Wednesday during a committee discussion of a proposed redesign of 19th Street at 16th Avenue N.E.

The major east-west route — which doubles as the Trans-Canada Highway through the city — separates the communities of Vista Heights to the north and Mayland Heights to the south.



The northbound lanes of a proposed redesign for 19th Street N.E. are shown at top, the southbound lanes and an adjacent regional pathway at bottom.

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Part of the redesign for the whole area includes adding one buffered bike lane in each direction on 19th Street, as well as a parallel regional pathway next to the road.

Having all three lanes "seems a bit excessive," according to Coun. Shane Keating.

"We have to build them, but let's build them as economically as possible," he said.

Coun. Sean Chu put it more bluntly. "You've got to make sense, and this does not make sense," he said.

But Chabot, whose Ward 10 includes Mayland Heights, said years of community consultation went into the proposal for 19th Street.

"Providing these multi-modal-type opportunities ... it will better connect the two communities back together," Chabot said. "They've been separated for many years and they're looking for that connectivity."

Coun. Ray Jones, whose Ward 5 includes Vista Heights, said he wants to see a fuller debate of the plan at city council.

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Estimate

$205M

The total estimated cost for the construction of an interchange and redesign of the 16th Avenue/19th Street N.E. intersection.

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Alta. NDP urges broader investigation into Redford

Expense scandal still looming. Half of current Premier Jim Prentice's cabinet served in Alison Redford cabinet

Alberta NDP Leader Rachel Notley says that given the criminal investigation into former premier Alison Redford and her office, it's time the auditor general gets to the bottom of the story.

Notley said Wednesday that Merwan Saher's original investigation looked only at Redford's team, and other ministers who worked with her remain in Premier Jim Prentice's cabinet.

She said even though Redford has left government and Prentice has promised new rules on behaviour, the issue is not moot.

"If other people who are actually still in there (are) engaged in behaviour that may well itself warrant criminal investigation, then, in my books, that's not moot," Notley said at a legislature news conference.

She said she has sent a letter to Saher asking him to investigate further. She's sent a separate letter to Prentice asking him to join her on the request. Prentice, in a written response, declined.

"I have full confidence in the office of the auditor general to determine when and where an investigation is appropriate," he said.

More than half the members in Prentice's current cabinet served in Redford's cabinet.

Redford quit as premier in March ahead of a caucus and party revolt over reports of exorbitant spending.

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Rachel Notley, the head of Alberta's NDP party METRO FILE

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Oilsands. Regulator says three companies report birds in tailings ponds

Alberta's energy regulator says three corporations have reported waterfowl landing in their tailings ponds this week in the province's oilsands region.

The AER says the companies include Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Suncor Energy Inc. and Syncrude.

Ryan Bartlett, a spokesman for the agency, says it's not clear how many birds landed in the oily wastewater ponds.

He says staff are still investigating, including checking whether the companies were operating devices they are required to use during the fall migration to scare birds away from the ponds.

Syncrude, which operates one of the biggest oilsands sites, was fined $3 million for the deaths of more than 1,600 ducks when they landed on its tailings pond in 2008.

In October 2010, more than 550 birds had to be destroyed when an early winter storm forced the birds to land on the toxic waste ponds belonging to Syncrude and Suncor.

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Study commissioned

Retailers call on Alberta to crack down on sale of illegal cigarettes, tobacco

An organization that represents convenience store owners wants the Alberta government to crack down on the sale of illegal tobacco.

The group says a study it commissioned suggests high rates of contraband tobacco use across the province.

The Western Convenience Stores Association says the study done in September examined discarded cigarette butts at 49 locations and found an average rate of illegal tobacco use of about 10 per cent.

Association president Andrew Klukas says contraband cigarettes are sold without taxes, health warnings or checks of a buyer's age.

Klukas says sales of cheaper illegal tobacco hurt the bottom line of retailers who sell cigarettes that are fully taxed.

The association, which represents more than 2,400 convenience store retailers in Alberta, wants stronger anti-contraband legislation and more enforcement.

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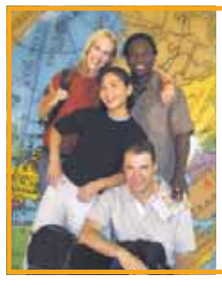

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Two MPs kicked out of caucus over charges of misconduct

Parliament Hill. Allegations being taken seriously amid last week's explosion of stories about Jian Ghomeshi

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has expelled two MPs — Scott Andrews and Massimo Pacetti — over allegations of "personal misconduct" with two members of Parliament.

Sources tell Torstar News Service the complainants are female MPs from the New Democratic Party. Liberals are asking the Commons Speaker to conduct an investigation into a controversy described as "unprecedented." Both accused MPs deny the charges.

At a news conference Wednesday afternoon, Trudeau called the allegations "serious" but said little to shed light on the matter. "Persons in authority have a duty to act when such allegations are made," he said.

The expulsions plunge Parliament Hill into the centre of the widening national discussion over sexual assault, which began last week with the firing of CBC host Jian Ghomeshi.

Andrews, first elected in 2008 in the Newfoundland riding of Avalon, is married with a young son. Pacetti, first elected in the Montreal riding of Saint-Léonard/Saint-Michel in 2002, is married with two children.

The Liberal party whip, Judy Foote, outlined the charges in a letter to Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer. "The House of Commons has a process for administration of misconduct in the workplace, but there is no established process for complaints between members," Foote writes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau speaks at a news conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.
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Massimo Pacetti
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Scott Andrews
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Canada to ease restrictions on flying drones

Canada is flying high above other countries with its newest commercial drone-use policies.

Transport Canada announced Wednesday that unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) under two kilograms for commercial or hobby purposes will soon no longer require a Special Flight Operations Certificate.

Though old regulations are still in place requiring all commercial operators, no matter the weight of the craft, to get clearance from Transport Canada, a spokesperson told Metro the new regulation would mean lighter aircraft could take off without the paperwork.

"I think it's really encouraging from (a) research and industry perspective," said Chris Hugenholtz of the University of Calgary, who uses drones in his research.

Previously, commercial operators were required to send Transport Canada detailed paperwork, including specific flight plans. The paperwork took 21 days to process, sometimes longer if the region they applied to was not equipped for the volume of documents.

In the United States commercial drones are still under strict regulation. According to Matt Waite, professor at the University of Nebraska and founder of the Drone Journalism Lab, no commercial flights are permitted unless they fall under an exemption Hollywood arranged with the Federal Aviation Administration. **HELEN PIKE/METRO**

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Court filings

Ghomeshi's lawsuit without merit: CBC

A $55-million lawsuit filed by former CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi should be thrown out because it is without merit and an abuse of process, the broadcaster argued in court filings Wednesday.

In a motion to Ontario Superior Court, the CBC maintains Ghomeshi's allegation of defamation and breach of confidence is frivolous or vexatious.

The broadcaster notes that Ghomeshi, 47, was a unionized employee and his only recourse is via the established grievance procedure. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

House of Commons

Convicted MP Dean Del Mastro resigns seat

Disgraced Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro abruptly resigned his House of Commons seat Wednesday, less than a week after a judge found him guilty on three counts of violating the Canada Elections Act.

Del Mastro was convicted of exceeding spending limits during the 2008 election, as well as failing to report a personal contribution of $21,000 to his own campaign and submitting a falsified document.

He made it clear he was stepping down in order to prevent embarrassment and division within the Conservative ranks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Forced marriages

Feds brace for backlash against immigration rules

The Harper government is bracing for international backlash to its proposed new law that would ban people in polygamous and forced marriages from immigrating to Canada, The Canadian Press has learned.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander announced the legislation Wednesday, calling such practices "incompatible with Canadian values."

If it becomes law, the bill would eliminate early and forced marriages from Canada's immigration system and the country as a whole, said Alexander. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Amsterdam. Dutch ask public not to pee on palace

If you're caught short on Amsterdam's historic Dam Square, the Dutch government has a message for you: don't pee on the palace.

The Dutch royal family uses the stately Royal Palace in downtown Amsterdam as a working palace, not a residence. But the building's dark arches provide a favoured spot for urination, often at night, out of sight of police who regularly patrol the palace vicinity.

After a multimillion-euro renovation ended in late 2011, people began urinating against the palace's sandstone facade. That prompted authorities to put up a fence.

The government also warned that peeing in public is punishable by a 140-euro ($175 US) fine.

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Utah

Gun-wielding teacher fined

A Utah schoolteacher whose gun accidentally went off in an elementary-school bathroom agreed Wednesday to pay a fine and take a firearm-safety class as part of a plea deal.

Michelle Montgomery has already paid $200 to replace a toilet. She pleaded no contest Wednesday to a charge of illegal discharge of a gun. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norway

State intel says terror attack likely

Norwegian intelligence authorities said Wednesday that the Nordic country will "likely" be threatened by or hit with an act of terror in the next 12 months.

The Joint Counter Terror Center says extremists from ISIL have called for terror acts against countries in the U.S.-led fight against the group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hamas vehicle attack kills one, wounds 13

Jerusalem. Second violent incident in two weeks reawakens fears that simmering Israeli-Palestinian tensions will boil over

Israeli police stand guard as ultra-Orthodox Jews look at the scene of an attack in east Jerusalem on Wednesday. A Palestinian man drove his car into a crowded train platform and then attacked people with an iron bar, killing one person and injuring 13 before he was shot dead. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Hamas militant slammed a minivan into a crowd waiting for a train Wednesday in Jerusalem, killing one and wounding 13. Hours later, the Israeli military said a Palestinian motorist drove into a group of soldiers in the West Bank, injuring three.

Police identified the van's driver as Ibrahim al-Akari, a 38-year-old Palestinian. His wife said he was angered by a confrontation between police and Palestinians at the Al-Aqsa Mosque earlier in the day. Part of the shrine was damaged.

Hamas praised the attack as a defence of the mosque. It is considered the city's most sacred site — known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and as the Temple Mount to Jews.

The developments raised fears of worsening violence after months of simmering tensions in the holy city. In Wednesday's attack in Jerusalem, police said the motorist drove the minivan into pedestrians waiting for the train at a stop. The driver backed out and drove away. He then exited the van and attacked civilians and police officers on the side of the road with a metal bar before he was shot and killed.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blamed the attack on Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and "his Hamas partners," a reference to a unity government led by Abbas and backed by Hamas.

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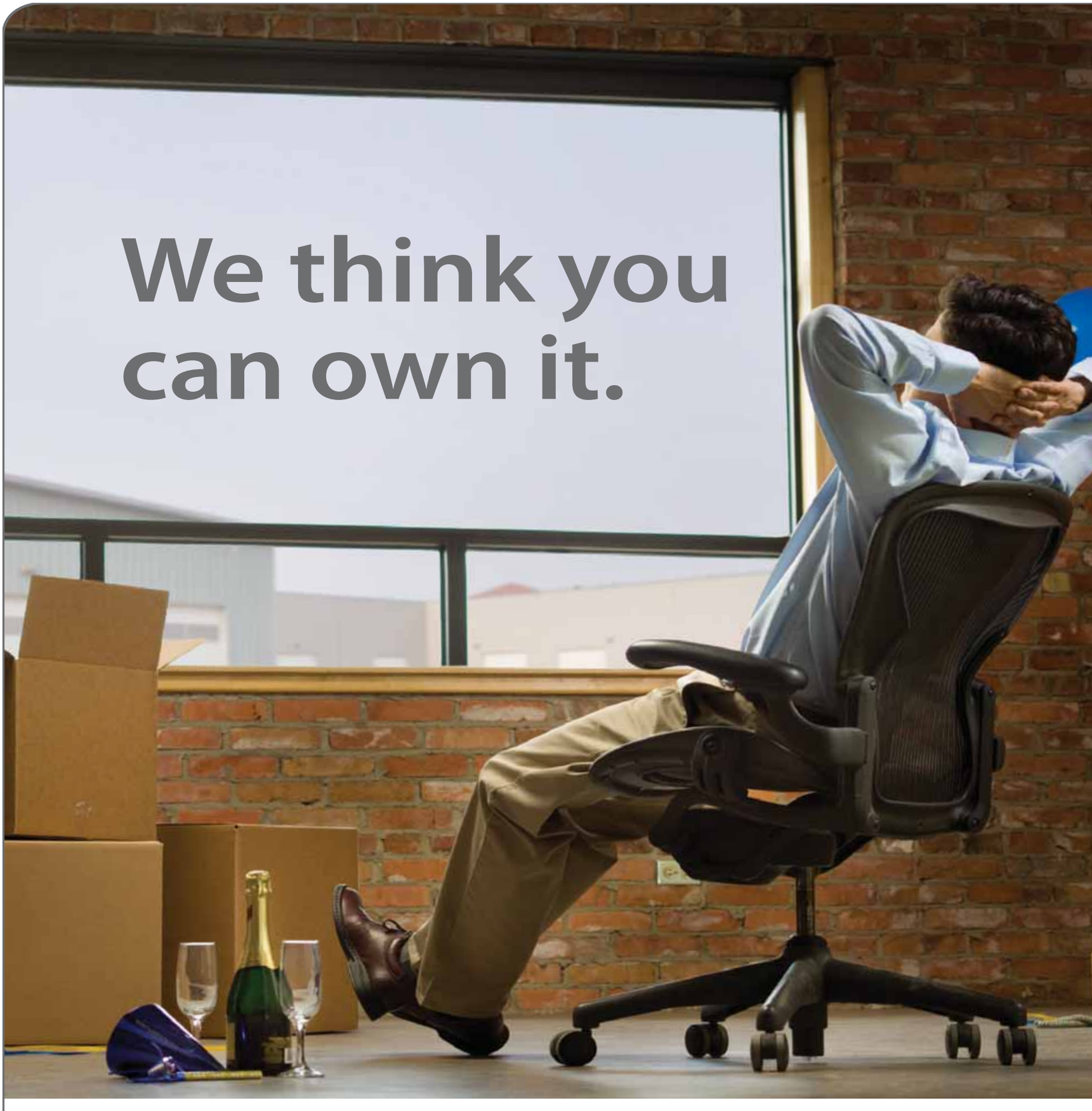

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A new chapter for Indigo Books and Music

Turning the page. CEO Heather Reisman is looking to turn things around by opening new stores and branching out into toys to boost sales

Despite closing three of its largest Toronto stores this year, the CEO of Indigo Books and Music Inc. says the company is scouting new locations.

"We are actively looking in a couple of markets," chief executive Heather Reisman told analysts during a conference call Wednesday.

The company now has four fewer superstores and two fewer smaller-format stores in its latest quarter, compared to a year ago.

It once operated 95 superstores under the banner Chapters and Indigo, and 131 small-format stores under Coles, Indigospirit, SmithBooks and The Book Company.

Reisman didn't divulge where it may be looking to expand, saying only that the country's largest book, gift and specialty toy retailer is encouraged by results from the second quarter, which recorded double-digit growth across its lifestyle, paper, toys and electronics divisions, as well as its core trade book business.

Indigo reported after markets closed Tuesday that it has narrowed its second-quarter loss to $8.5 million, boosted by higher revenues and improved margins.

The loss amounted to 33 cents per diluted share, compared with a loss of $10.1 million, or 39 cents, in the same period a year earlier.

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Toy story

The Toronto-based company isn't forecasting any bestselling book titles that will boost sales dramatically during the Christmas holiday period but said its lineup of toys, like those from the popular Disney movie Frozen, have helped increase revenues.

- Sales at its two American Girl doll speciality boutiques that opened in the second quarter also boosted revenue, while sales at a third store location launched recently in Ottawa have exceeded targets, said CEO Heather Reisman.

Pop to go flat?

Berkeley votes to tax soda to curb consumption

Berkeley, Calif., voters became the first in the U.S. to approve taxing sodas to curb consumption, after costly campaigns by the soda industry helped defeat similar taxes in more than 30 other cities and states in recent years.

But, in San Francisco, voters became the latest around America to reject a soda tax. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pot soaring high?

Washington, Oregon vote to legalize marijuana

Marijuana activists who have longed for decades to end America's drug war celebrated more major victories Tuesday, with Oregon and the U.S. capital approving recreational pot use.

The advocates believed they also have another win in Alaska, as a legal pot measure held a steady lead.

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Are you ruffing joking?

YouTube show teaches you how to cook ... for a dog

The couple who conceived of YouMustLoveDogsDating.com, where pooch-loving singles connect with potential mates, have founded the Doggy Cooking Network.

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Changes.

Torstar to end paywall, start a tablet app

Torstar Corp. says it plans to tear down the digital paywall at the country's largest newspaper, the Toronto Star, as it focuses on developing a new tablet app to be launched next year.

The owner of the Toronto Star and other publications is switching gears in its digital strategy of delivering content across multiple platforms — a move it's betting will attract more readers and bring national advertisers back into the fold.

Along with the Toronto Star, Torstar publishes the Hamilton Spectator, Waterloo Region Record, the Guelph Mercury and more than 100 community newspapers in Ontario. In addition, Torstar owns Free Daily News Group Inc., which publishes the English-language Metro newspapers in several Canadian cities.

Torstar has signed a deal with Montreal's La Presse newspaper to develop a new tablet product for the Toronto Star based on the technology and experience the Quebec publisher used when producing its own iPad app in 2013.

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Higher prices at Timmies?! That'll jolt you awake

Are you ready to pay more for your morning cup of coffee? Executives at Tim Hortons Inc. are hinting that a price hike could be on the way in 2015 as they respond to the soaring value of next year's crop of beans. Chief financial officer Cynthia Devine told analysts that bean prices are a factor that Tim Hortons will "need to look at" with its franchisees.

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CANADIAN WINTER: SCARIER THAN ANY HBO SHOW

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I'm suffering from Post-Traumatic Snow Disorder.

In the past I embraced the Canadian winter as fervently as I embraced my own torso while waiting for the bus in January. I've been quick to argue that cold winds in the streets and cold toes under the sheets are just part of living here in the Land of Always Winter.

But not anymore. Not after last year. Not after The Four Snowmen of the Icepocalypse descended upon the country and took our joy. (The four Snowmen are Blizzard, Hailstone, Frigidity and Dry Skin.)

As you'll recall, last year's winter lasted for 14 months in what we all hoped and prayed was a one-time, tie-in promotion for the movie Frozen.

But early signs for 2014-15 aren't good. The Maritimes already had its first taste of both school cancellations and power outages, forcing parents and their children to talk with each other in person (shudder).

And in Ontario, I drove through a squall on Oct. 31 that left me with the same visibility I had when I wore my K-Mart Optimus Prime mask on Halloween 30 years ago.

I've already broken out the winter jacket, which generates so much static electricity that I look like the people palming the orb in science-museum ads, until I touch something metal and my finger makes a 'snap!' so powerful that the lights dim for a second.

On top of it all, now that the clocks have changed I go to work in darkness and leave with just enough time for Mr. Sun to mock me before he disappears over the horizon, chuckling.

This winter can't possibly be as bad as last year's, can it?

The Farmer's Almanac, which has been making scientifically unsound predictions for so long it's OK for some reason, says it will be another terrible winter.

But Environment Canada's Best Guess™ is that it will seem "tropical" compared to last year. (Ever notice how Canadians only use the words "tropical" and "balmy" when they're being sarcastic?)

The tying vote goes to my girlfriend, who has the same season-guessing credentials as either organization. Her verdict? It's going to be the Worst Winter Ever because she hails from Vancouver, which has never seen hail, let alone snow, and where "roughing it" involves going eight hours without steamed milk.

Her winter advice to everyone is, and I quote, "Never go outside." She likes to knit and has begun to build a yarn cocoon around herself, pledging not to leave the couch until it's butterfly weather.

With my Post-Traumatic Snow Disorder, I'll be taking a different tack. I hope to face it head-on, keeping just as active in the winter as I do in the summer. So, a lot of Netflix. Maybe Game of Thrones. You know why.

Now they just need names ...

Visitors take photos of the panda triplet cubs in the Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou in south China's Guangdong province Wednesday. Keepers responsible for looking after the world's only surviving set of giant panda triplets said the cubs were doing well, as they celebrated turning 100 days old on Wednesday. The triplets born at Chimelong are the fourth case of panda triplets ever recorded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Against all odds, panda triplets make it to a hundred days

When this trio of giant pandas were born, vets said the chances of them all surviving were next to nothing — but the baby girl and her two brothers have defied predictions to reach 100 days old in perfect health.

Each one now weighs more than five kilograms (11 pounds), up from just 0.1 kg (3-1/2 oz.) at birth, and have two small teeth after beginning teething at around 80 days old.

The cubs were born on July 29 within four hours of each other: the female cub first and then her brothers.

Physical exams show the cubs' health to be ideal, said Dong Guixin, general manager of Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong province.

Starting Wednesday, the cubs will be displayed to visitors for limited times and are taking turns living with their mother for five-day cycles. All may live with her permanently if they continue to grow up healthy.

There have been four recorded instances of giant pandas giving birth to triplets in history, but in all of those other cases at least one in the litter has died due to physical defects or being too small.

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You can help!

The park is seeking suggestions from the public on names for the pandas.

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EDM videos, meet skiing

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As viewed from afar, backcountry skiing looks like a passport to pristine environments and untouched powder. But if only it were just a little more, you know, dangerous. Thankfully, nature turns the lights off every night, and that means it's time to strap on some brightly coloured LED suits and a few GoPro cameras and hit the darkened slopes. (GoPro/YouTube)

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Comments

RE: Bank of Canada Governor Urges Jobless Young Canadians to Work for Free, published online Nov. 4, 2014

A capitalist telling us to do the most un-capitalist thing ever. You do not get something for nothing, labour is a commodity with a value. I say, you want us to work... PAY UP. Beef up our resumes? Are you kidding me? How about you, the employer in your fifties with a high school diploma, start putting some value on a Masters Degree and not just "experience." Oh by the way, getting an MA is experience.

Yodaweed, posted to metronews.ca

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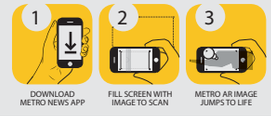

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Calgary-raised comic plans to tell jokes in all the wrong places

Film. Dan Guiry will take his standup routine to a drunk tank, airport security and a gondola ride

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Comic Dan Guiry will take his standup routine to unusual and potentially dangerous locations as part of a 10-part film project. CONTRIBUTED

Dan Guiry has had a couple of rough nights during his decade-long standup comedy career. There was the show in the small Alberta town of Worsley, where a coked-up senior citizen sat in the first row and bellowed throughout Guiry's set.

Another evening saw the comedian dodging beer bottles at a rough-and-tumble rural roadhouse notorious with touring comics. But Guiry is certain he can find even tougher spots to perform standup comedy routines. It's the premise for a comedy series he's been developing for the past few months with filmmaker Mike Peterson and producer Julian Black Antelope.

"Whenever you see a comedy special, it doesn't seem as dangerous as standup comedy really is," says Guiry. "We wanted to bring standup comedy to film without losing that danger. It's fun. It's not just a guy walking on stage and doing a set."

Some location ideas Guiry and Peterson have knocked around are unorthodox, even by comedy standards.

Guiry says the 10-part series, logically titled The Worst Places To Do Comedy with Dan Guiry, will follow him as he tells jokes underwater, in a police drunk tank, at airport security and in a gondola, for starters.

The unusual standup locations could prove logistically difficult, but Peterson says he's up to the challenge. The director originally declined to work on the comic's special because he wasn't interested in filming someone just telling jokes on stage.

"I asked how we could do something with the comedy special idea and make it really interesting," Peterson says.

"So, this is the spin we came up with: Doing it in the worst places possible. And it fits Dan's fearless personality. He's not afraid of anything — getting assaulted, drowning or getting arrested."

Guiry and Peterson recently entered the Storyhive competition, which will award one winner a $50,000 grant to create a web series. But even if Worst Places doesn't make the cut, Guiry says he's determined to create the series.

"This is one possible way to get it done," says the Calgary-raised, Toronto-based comedian. "I want to do this program and boot it out west. Such great comics come out of there."

Contest details

Public voting for Storyhive finalists starts Nov. 10 at yycyeg.storyhive.com.

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Newsroom battled to be first, and right

Television. Jeff Daniels bids farewell to HBO's journalism drama

There were neither tears nor cheers at this premiere. That's partially because cast and crew of HBO's drama series The Newsroom had already moved on. They wrapped the finale weeks ago.

The party Tuesday night at the Directors Guild in Hollywood was simply to kick off the show's third and final season, which premieres this weekend, and to say, "Good show" to the series.

"The bittersweet part is the people," said actor Jeff Daniels, who portrays the star anchor of a cable-news network struggling with more than ratings. "This was a good group."

The Newsroom debuted in June 2012 to much fanfare and strong ratings. But critics were mixed on the series, and fans began to tune out as the first season came to a close.

The second season earned generally stronger reviews, and its premiere saw ratings rebound — although it eventually became clear that the show would never become a blockbuster, such as Six Feet Under.

The network gave a green light to a truncated third and final season, which is not to be confused with a cancellation, executive producer Alan Poul said.

"If HBO had wanted to cancel us, they wouldn't have said, 'We want to cancel you, but we'll spend an extra $40 to $50 million for a final season before we let you go,'" he explained. "You don't spend the money for a season of television unless you want to make that season of television.

"And it was our choice. We wanted to go out this way. And I think we're going out as strong as we've ever been."

Show time

The third and final season of The Newsroom debuts Sunday on HBO.

Season 3 deals with dilemmas surrounding reporting on the Boston Marathon bombings.

Network brass face a possible hostile takeover. And one key character's career may be destroyed after a leak of classified government documents.

Co-star Olivia Munn said the series has inspired a new crop of journalists.

It made viewers "really fascinated with the guy sitting behind the news desk and the girl writing that column," she noted. "So, I think that was really an exciting thing, and I think it was a great thing."

Daniels said spending three seasons walking in a reporter's shoes left him with a greater appreciation of the challenges facing journalists.

"The struggle these guys have between being right and being first — it's so difficult now with Twitter, with Facebook," he said.

"When news breaks, a lot of people go there instead of waiting for journalists to tell you what's really going on or what's true. And the real guys battle that every single day."

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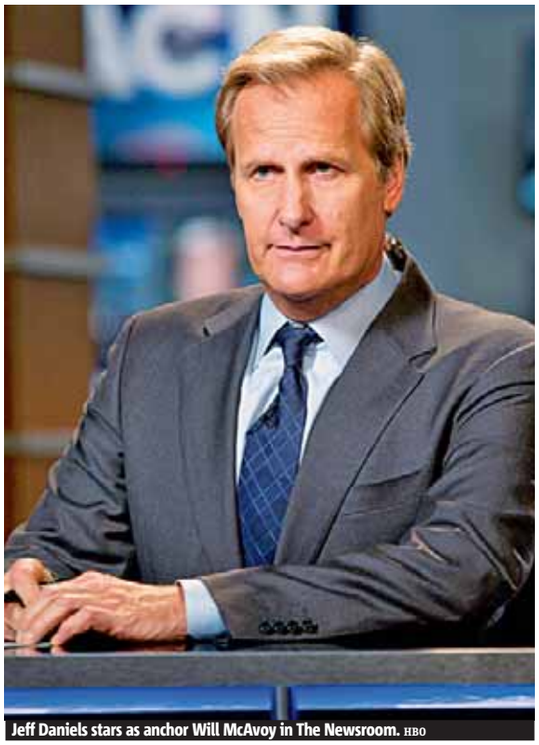

Jeff Daniels stars as anchor Will McAvoy in The Newsroom. HBO

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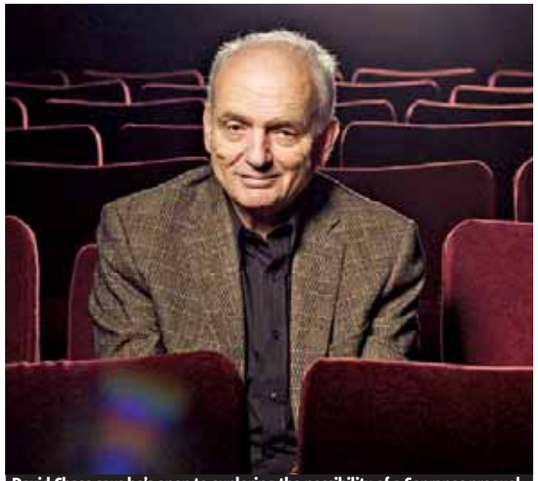
If there were to be a Sopranos prequel...

Television. As series is released on Blu-ray, David Chase speculates what a few more episodes might just look like



David Chase says he's open to exploring the possibility of a Sopranos prequel, possibly featuring New Jersey in the late '60s and early '70s.
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The idea of a prequel to The Sopranos intrigues series creator David Chase, but if that were to happen, he envisions it as atypical.

The 69-year-old show runner says he wouldn't mind exploring the era before the show began. "Even if I did it, it wouldn't be The Sopranos that was on the air — obviously at least one person is gone that we would need," he says.

"There are a couple of eras that would be interesting for me to talk about, about Newark, New Jersey. One would be (the) late '60s, early '70s, about all the racial animosity, or the beginning, the really true beginning of the flood of drugs."

For now, he is promoting the release of the entire series on Blu-ray. Chase sat down to discuss the groundbreaking HBO series, the hype that followed and the finale's still-debated ending.

How did you deal with the criticism that followed after the show's initial success?
The first season was made, completely shot — written, shot and edited before any of the public ever saw it, so it existed in this little time capsule of its own with no reaction whatsoever.

So when that hit the media, it blew up. I tried to retain that attitude that we were just out there in Queens making the show and it didn't matter. ... After a while when it became very successful, you just start to go '... I'm going to do what I want.' Why not? How often does anyone get this opportunity, so use it. Some people would tell you, 'They went off on tangents.' I could have cared less about it.

Was Steven Van Zandt considered to play Tony Soprano?
Stevie was one of the people that read for it and that would have been a totally different show. Could have been a very good show, too, I think, but funnier and sillier. ... But for all the reasons that I'm sitting here today, a lot of that has to do with Jim (Gandolfini) and his natural abilities and inclinations.
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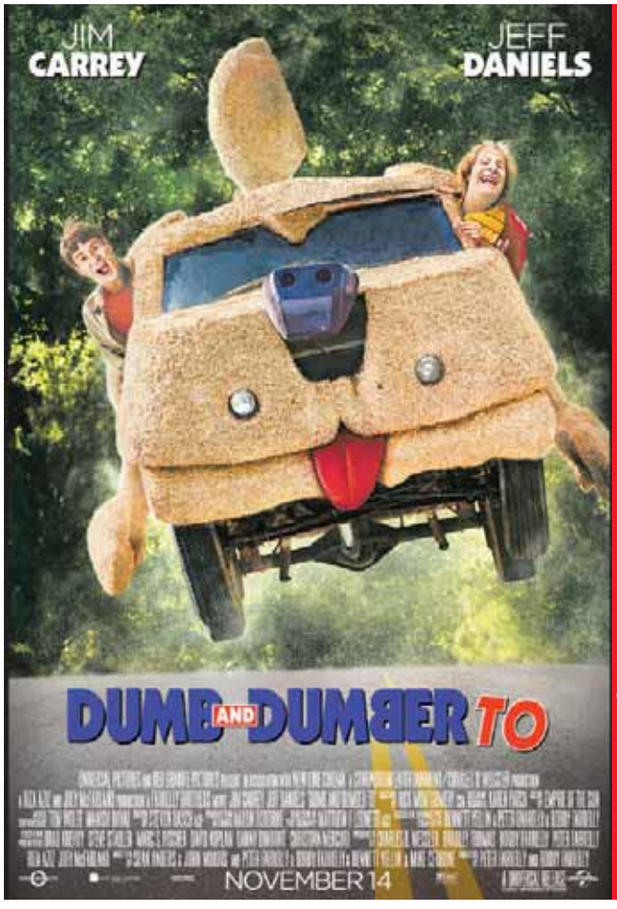

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Harry Styles ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Styles knows what he wants in a humanoid

What does a girl need to be to win Harry Styles' heart? Not necessarily a girl, as it turns out. While taking some probing questions during an interview for On Demand Entertainment alongside fellow One Direction member Liam Payne, Styles got a bit playful. When asked what traits they look for in potential girlfriends, Payne joked, "Female, that's an important trait," to which Styles quickly argued, "Not that important." So what does Styles really want to find in this hypothetical genderless humanoid? A "sense of humour" and "being nice to people," as it turns out. Also, when asked what he "sucks at" — too easy — Styles offered a rather odd list of skateboarding, gymnastics, speaking and singing. Hey, you said it, buddy, not us.

The Word

Cumberbatch proclaims he's off the market — the old-time way

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

I'm starting to worry that Benedict Cumberbatch doesn't understand how this whole being famous thing works. In an adorably old-fashioned and totally normal move, the Imitation Game star announced his engagement to actress Sophie Hunter with a simple announcement in the Forthcoming Marriages section of London's the Times newspaper. "The engagement is announced between Benedict, son of Wanda and Timothy Cumberbatch of London, and Sophie, daughter of Katharine Hunter of Edinburgh and Charles Hunter of London," the posting reads. Very traditional, yes, but come on, Ben. You could've gotten a lot of mileage out of an exclusive. Of course, given the hysteria level of his female fans, it's understandable he'd want to downplay this. There could be a riot. Next, he'll announce on Craigslist he's been cast as Doctor Strange.

Twitter

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You know it's love when you're not too embarrassed to give him your REAL Starbucks order

@kanyewest
Me and my wife met with President Obama two weeks ago

@channingtatum
That's a wrap!

Britney Spears

Baby, try to sell Britney's tickets one more time

Hey, you want to go see Britney Spears' show in Vegas? Because there are seats available. Like, a lot of them. Production staff are reportedly "scrambling" to fill seats after online ticket sales suggested that Spears' upcoming performances would be half-empty — although they probably explained it to her as half-full. "She said that there was no way in hell that she would perform to a half-empty theatre," a source tells Radar Online. Among the tactics they've been employing to fill out the space, my favourite has got to be "Britney Day," when anyone who shares the same first name as Spears gets a free ticket. But honestly, an entire theatre filled with women name Britney is kind of terrifying.

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1,000 poses, 1 supermodel: Modern beauty busts a move

Style. Canada's Coco Rocha offers Study of Pose in new book

Coco Rocha, seen here in a photo from Study of Pose, was 14 when she was discovered by a modelling scout at an Irish dance competition in Vancouver.
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Rocha recently announced that she and her husband are expecting their first child next spring.
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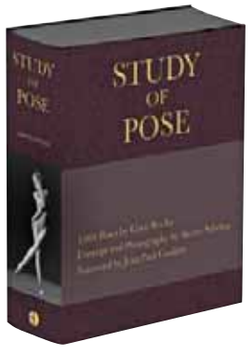
Coco Rocha has graced the covers of countless fashion magazines and walked the runway for leading designers, but the Canadian supermodel dubbed "The Queen of Pose" faced a fresh test for her latest turn in front of the cameras.

The Toronto-born, Richmond, B.C.-raised Rocha teamed up with photographer Steven Sebring for the new book Study of Pose (Harper Design). In his introduction, Sebring wrote that his original concept was to capture 1,000 different expressive positions of one person, seeking to document "the fluid, ever-changing beauty of the ever-flexible human form."

The hefty tome features black-and-white images of Rocha clad in a leotard and tights, contorting her lithe frame in 1,000 unique poses.

Pictures of the homegrown beauty were captured by Sebring in his experimental 360-degree 'Rig,' which Rocha described as a darkened, dome-like room with 100 cameras. The photos were shot two years ago over the span of three days, with only Sebring and Rocha's husband, James Conran, present.



As the woman who has been a muse to designers like French fashion legend Jean Paul Gaultier — who wrote the book's foreword — Rocha admitted during the shooting of Study of Pose she needed a little inspiration herself at times to fan the creative flames.

"You try to kick out as many poses as you can. But then it gets to the point where you're like: 'I don't know if I have anything else,"' Rocha said in a recent phone interview from New York.

"That's when I would have Steven and James ... call out these inspirations or people in history. So if it was art history to film noir to film to pop culture, there would be sort of references, and I would kind of go on a riff on them. So: 'What is Michael Jackson to me? What is Grace Kelly?'

"Definitely, I did hit some roadblocks. But what's interesting is that people looking at this can probably see those moments where you're like: 'Oh, I think this is a little Marilyn Monroe' or: 'Yeah, I can see some Grace Jones in that."'

Rather than tagging each photo with a specific headline or name, Rocha said they opted instead to attach numbers to each image in hopes of having readers identify whom she was trying to pay homage to or to channel in her poses.

Reach for the stars

"What's interesting is that people looking at this can probably see those moments where you're like: 'Oh, I think this is a little Marilyn Monroe' or: 'Yeah, I can see some Grace Jones in that."

Coco Rocha
Supermodel and subject of Study of Pose

In the foreword of Study of Pose, Gaultier recalled Rocha "effortlessly leaping through the air, moving my clothes in a way that brought them to life" during the presentation of his Celtic-themed ready-to-wear line in 2007.

"I definitely think dance helped in the sense that I don't overthink it, I don't get too frustrated with what I'm doing. Just have fun with it, enjoy it," said the 26-year-old.

"We're muses. We're supposed to inspire people. So the book also is to inspire what the body can do. If you really look through all of those photos, you can start to notice the body can do a lot of things."

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Chiaki

Age: 22

Occupation: Student

What she's wearing
New Balance shoes, American Apparel pants, coat and sunglasses from Urban Outfitters and a vintage shirt purchased in Kensington Market.

Her inspiration
"I look up to fashion icon Alexa Chung. I love her relaxed and messy style."

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Trends Report

I've written about how I despise the lumberjack look in a previous Trends Report posts, but it appears as though the 'lumbersexual' is on the rise, according to a trending article by Gear Junkie. Go online to Trends Report to see what makes a 'lumbersexual'. Are they slowly overtaking their tidier counterparts, the metrosexuals?

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- **Photo** Actor Mike Vogel sporting the lumbersexual look. Getty Images

This recipe serves six to 10. KYLA ZANARDI

Sup, dog? Get reacquainted with memorable carnival

Holy Kobe Corn Dogs.
Missing summer? Relive it with high quality dogs

"Street food and carnival food are kind of like cousins," writes Matt Basile in his book Street Food Diaries. "Things get fried. Things get put on sticks, and everything is about fun and flavour first. Corn dogs are the ambassador of this relationship.

"You'll need 10 wooden skewers for this. You can do this recipe with any hotdog, but if you can find Kobe beef dogs I highly recommend you use them. They are the tastiest hotdogs I have ever had, and the flavour just explodes when you bite into them."

Basile also advises, "You can take this recipe one step further by cooking some strips of bacon to the point where they are cooked but not too crispy to manipulate. Wrap the bacon tightly around the dog and pierce each end of the bacon with the skewer to keep it in place. Batter it and fry it as below. (P.S. You're welcome!)"

1. First, make your batter. In a large bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, and pepper. Crack in the egg, add the milk, and then mix your batter thoroughly. Skewer the hotdogs with the wooden skewers, and dip them in the batter. Fry them, three at a time, in a pan (not a skillet) with 1/2 inch (1 cm) of canola oil heated to 350 F (180 C) for approximately 3 minutes on one side. Flip and do 3 minutes on the other side, then rest them on paper towel to soak up the excess oil.

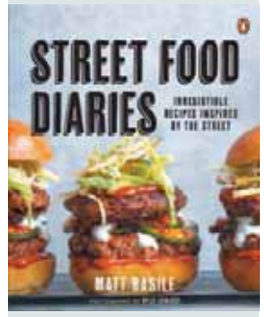
2. In a bowl, mix the mustard with the sambal. Now you have spicy sambal mustard that has the familiarity of the bright yellow mustard but with a bit of kick. **FROM STREET FOOD DIARIES: IRRESISTIBLE RECIPES INSPIRED BY THE STREET BY MATT BASILE. COPYRIGHT MATT BASILE AND KYLA ZANARDI, 2014. REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF PENGUIN CANADA BOOKS INC.**

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup (250 ml) all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp (20 ml) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper
- 1 egg
- 1 cup (250 ml) 2% milk
- 10 all-beef hot dogs
- 10 wooden skewers
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) yellow mustard
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sambal oelek

Cookbook of the Week

From the street to your kitchen table



For years, Matt Basile has been serving up to-die-for street eats through his street food brand Fidel Gastro's. In his book Street Food Diaries, he shares more than 85 street-food recipes that are accompanied by mouth-watering photography and stories of street food culture. If it's on a stick, in a bun or covered in bacon, it is in Street Food Diaries. Try making Buffalo Chicken Patty Melt, Creole Poutine, Tilapia Doubles, BBQ Brisket Breakfast Burrito and more. **METRO**

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Turn down the sound with decor

Concrete ceilings and floors transfer noise, and so do windows and hardwood flooring. Here are a few designer ideas that help stop unwanted sound from bouncing around

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Upholstered headboard

For ultimate sound absorption, buy a king-sized padded headboard. It will help muffle sound and anchor your bed and end tables while giving big scale and proportion to a small- or average-sized room. Nexxt Luxe Headboard Panels, 18 inch square, $100 for a set of 8, KitchenStuffPlus.com.

Carpeting

Wall-to-wall broadloom or a large room-sized area rug will help absorb sound and keep it from bouncing off concrete and wood floors. Liora Mad Plaid Carpet Squares, 18 inch square, $20. CB2.com.

Draperies

Draperies not only help to deaden the sounds that bounce off glass, they also add a soft touch to hard walls. Look for draperies that have a thick lining or insulation built into the back. Whole Home Kingsley Foam-backed Grommet Drape Panels, from $32, Sears.ca.

White noise machines

Tired of hearing your neighbours and roommates? Try a white noise machine to create a comfortable atmosphere so you can drift off to sleep. HoMedics SoundSpa Portable White Noise Machine, $30, Well.ca.

Earphones for TV

A necessity when all your roommates have their own televisions in their bedrooms. Frends Taylor Headphones, $200, UrbanOutfitters.com.

More ways to enjoy the sound of silence

- Invest in solid-core interior doors for your place. They will help to reduce sound between hallways and rooms while giving a quality weight to the doors.
- Use big canvas art to absorb room sounds and create a barrier between large wall spaces.
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Cornish questions his MOP nomination

CFL. Oft-injured in 2014, Stampeders running back says teammates 'were great without me'

Jon Cornish took to Twitter on Wednesday saying, "I dunno if I should have been nominated," as the Stampeders' selection for the CFL's most outstanding player award. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Jon Cornish doesn't like his chances of repeating as the CFL's outstanding player award winner.

The elusive running back was the Calgary Stampeders' selection as outstanding player for a third straight year and top Canadian for the fifth consecutive season Wednesday in first-round voting conducted by the eight CFL head coaches and members of the Football Reporters of Canada. The native of New Westminster, B.C., was the league's outstanding player last year after rushing for 1,813 yards and named the top Canadian for a second straight campaign.

Cornish, who turned 30 on Wednesday, wasn't available for comment. But when asked on Twitter what he thought his chances of winning the award again were, the eight-year veteran had a surprising answer.

"Low," Cornish tweeted. "All these other players have put in whole seasons of work.

"Still, very grateful for the nominations!"

Cornish also questioned the validity of his outstanding player nomination.

"The @calgarystampeders were great without me," he tweeted. "I'm thankful for the work they did to make me look like I deserve any nominations.

"I dunno if I should have been nominated. @BoLeviMitchell (Calgary starting quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell) for MOP."

Mitchell disagreed.

"I appreciate it @jonnycornish but you've gone above and beyond when able to play," Mitchell tweeted in response. "There is only 1 award on our minds! #102."

Injuries limited Cornish to nine games this year but the six-foot, 219-pound running back still leads the CFL in rushing with 1,082 yards and is averaging a sparkling 7.8 yards per carry. Cornish's absence hasn't hurt Calgary, which has a league-best 14-3 record and clinched top spot in the West Division.

Cornish won't play in Calgary's regular-season finale Friday night against the B.C. Lions. If he wins the rushing title — he has a 230-yard lead over Edmonton's John White, who also isn't expected to play this weekend — Cornish will do so in the fewest games since the CFL adopted an 18-game schedule in 1986. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rest of West's best

The other West Division finalists included Edmonton's Adarius Bowman (CFL receiving leader with 112 catches for 1,456 yards and six TDs), Saskatchewan Roughriders defensive lineman John Chick (league-high 15 sacks), B.C. Lions linebacker Solomon Elimimian (record 137 tackles, five sacks) and Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback Drew Willy (No. 2 passer with 3,769 yards).

PEDs

A-Rod admitted steroid use to DEA, lawyer says

A lawyer for the University of Miami's former pitching coach said Wednesday that Alex Rodriguez admitted to federal investigators he used steroids supplied by the owner of a now-closed South Florida clinic.

Attorney Frank Quintero Jr., who represents Lazaro "Laser" Collazo in his defence against charges of conspiracy to distribute performance-enhancing drugs, told The Associated Press that the New York Yankees third baseman confessed to steroids use, according to Drug Enforcement Administration documents provided by the government to defence lawyers.

The Miami Herald first reported Rodriguez's admission Wednesday, saying he met with DEA agents on Jan. 29 at the agency's South Florida field office. Given a grant of immunity from prosecution, Rodriguez told investigators he did use banned substances between late 2010 and October 2012 supplied by Anthony Bosch, who owned the Biogenesis of America clinic in Coral Gables, Fla.

Publicly, Rodriguez has denied any use of banned substances during his time with the Yankees, which began in 2004.

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It's scoring by D-corps committee in Calgary

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Much of Calgary's unexpected success early this season has been given to the goaltending of Jonas Hiller, and to a lesser extent, Karri Ramo. While it's true they've been outstanding, bordering on brilliant, an equal amount of credit has to be given to coach Bob Hartley's management of the defence corps.

In a work environment where truculence and pugnacity are mantras, Hartley has decided mobility, hockey IQ and calculated risk-taking are crucial components to generating offence. By now, we've all seen the graphic that Calgary's blue-line leads the NHL with 13 goals. No other team is in the double-digits.

And by now, we've all seen that Calgary's top four defencemen are adept at rushing the puck into the offensive zone, or efficient at connecting on those long stretch passes. That's all part of Hartley's plan. Make the 'D' part of the 'O'. That stretches and thins out the opposition's shutdown efforts. There's nothing random about it. Lacking a lineup of proven snipers and playmakers, Hartley decided to loosen the reins on his Big 4.

Analytics study: PDO

PDO is the sum of on-ice shooting percentage and on-ice save percentage. It regresses to the mean (100) in the long run. A number well above 100 indicates a player has had good luck. Minimum 10 games. Here are the top-5 Flames, league-wide:

- **3.** Joe Colborne, 111.1
  4. Johnny Gaudreau, 110.6
  34. T.J. Brodie, 106.4
  46. Mason Raymond, 105.5
  52. Jiri Hudler, 105.3

Mark Giordano, T.J. Brodie, Kris Russell and Dennis Wideman are all among the top 43 NHL defencemen in ice time per game. Hartley leans on them heavily. Only two other teams — St. Louis and Florida — have three D-men among the top 43. Four teams — Anaheim, Edmonton, New York Islanders and Toronto — don't have a single defender among the top 43.

It's worked remarkably well for Hartley so far. In time, those four could wear down, but for now, they've become the catalysts of a great first 14 games for Calgary.

In the past, most teams have relied on one or two "offensive" defencemen to start the attack and run the power play from the point. The other blue-liners were either stay-at-home types or hybrids who could do a little of both, often on the third pairing.

If Hartley's experiment works, it could be trend-setting. The evolution of the game has been moving in that direction for years. Of course, you need the skill and smarts on the blue-line to make it work. And the Flames have it right now.

Giordano and Brodie have played like Norris Trophy contenders. Russell is looking like Brodie Jr. and has taken his game to new heights. And Wideman has gone from buy-out fodder a few months ago to very much in demand.

Good move, coach Hartley.

Messi ties Raul's record in win over Ajax

Lionel Messi celebrates with his teammates after scoring his second goal against Ajax in Amsterdam on Wednesday to tie the Champions League record of 71 career goals in Barcelona's 2-0 win. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a round up of Wednesday's action from around Europe. EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Lowry proves clutch in Raptors' victory

Kyle Lowry scored 35 points and had a key steal in the closing minute to lead the Toronto Raptors to a 110-107 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

The guard also nailed a fadeaway jumper from the left wing with eight seconds to play.

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Canadian Zaidi lands top job with Dodgers

MLB. Sudbury native to take dream job, will become league's first ever Muslim GM

Farhan Zaidi, seen here talking to A's defensive co-ordinator Juan Navarrete, will be named GM of the Dodgers later this week. Born in Sudbury, Zaidi will become MLB's first ever Muslim GM. MICHAEL ZAGARIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

While finishing his doctorate in economics at UC Berkeley, Farhan Zaidi daydreamed about working in Major League Baseball. Eating lunch at his desk, he would browse the web searching for front-office job postings.

Born in Sudbury but raised primarily in the Philippines, Zaidi had been obsessed with baseball ever since he was a kid: Playing little league in Manila, poring over Bill James' Baseball Abstracts and collecting O-Pee-Chee cards on summer trips to Canada.

But as a number-crunching graduate student, a job in baseball was just a fantasy.

Now, just over a decade later, Zaidi has landed one of the most prestigious gigs in the game. The 37-year-old, who spent the past 10 years in the Oakland A's front office, will be named general manager of the L.A. Dodgers later this week.

Zaidi, who is of Pakistani descent, will become the first Muslim GM in MLB history, and just the sixth Canadian.

During his daydreaming days, Zaidi actually applied to work for the Blue Jays — and the A's and Dodgers — on a whim after reading Moneyball, Michael Lewis's book about Oakland GM Billy Beane. J.P. Ricciardi, who was Beane's assistant GM in the book, was at the Jays' GM helm at the time.

"Basically I targeted people in the book," Zaidi told Torstar News Service earlier this year. "I thought one of them might find me to be a possible candidate." He never heard back from any of them.

Zaidi kept trying and was eventually hired by the A's as an analyst in 2005, quickly becoming one of Beane's most-trusted deputies. He became assistant GM last season.

Praising both his "qualitative" and "creative mind," Beane once said of Zaidi: "I'm more worried about losing him to Apple or Google than I am to another team."

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't be impulsive or you could end up paying out a lot more than you can afford. A "one time offer" is nothing of the sort. The safest place for your money today is in your pocket.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It would be a mistake to place your faith in what others believe rather than what your instincts tell you is true. Do only what feels right to you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Why are you so determined to make an issue out of something that is of no real significance? Maybe you need an excuse for a confrontation. If so, watch out. Today's full moon could bring a few surprises.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't get too involved in what others are doing. Your life is changing so rapidly at the moment that it would be a mistake to tie yourself down.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you find yourself under attack from a friend today, ask yourself why they are so angry with you. Have you failed to live up to your side of a bargain? If so, apologize and make amends.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Gossip may be fun but it won't do much for your rep if others get the impression that you are muddying waters for no reason.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are always ready to help others but that does not mean they should take your good nature for granted. Start getting tough with those who are using you for their own ends.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's full moon in your opposite sign suggests that a relationship is going through a bumpy phase. Don't give up on it. In a few days you will realize how trivial your differences are.

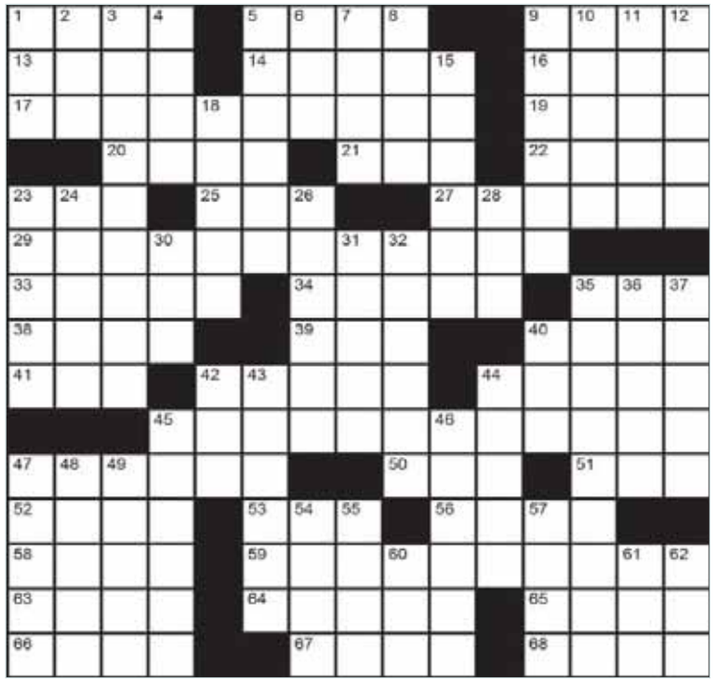
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are in one of your winning moods but the vital thing is that you win with style. Your personality demands not only that you take first place but that you take it with a smile.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you try to accommodate every opinion over the next 24 hours, you will alienate everyone. First impressions are the most reliable, so go with your instincts and back those whose outlook you feel an affinity for.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Make sure you have all the facts about a certain situation before making a decision that could affect your career path.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's full moon indicates that you are torn between opposing options. Toss a coin if you have to choose a path and stick to it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Abundant
5. Ancient's 602
9. Celebration
13. "Thanks _ __'!" (Tonnes of appreciation!)
14. Shania Twain's "(If You're Not in It for Love) I'm __ Here!"
16. Washstand vessel
17. Archaeological undertakings: 2 wds.
19. Stead
20. Devil's domain
21. Musical note
22. Dynamites
23. 'Deterior' suffix
25. The Raven poet's monogram
27. Martin Short comedy, "Three ___!" (1986)
29. Guinness publishes them: 2 wds.
33. Fragrant flavouring
34. "Funkytown" by __, Inc.
35. __ Boys (1886 Louisa May Alcott book)
38. Do some gardening
39. Head topper
40. Purge
41. Many mins.
42. Video game pioneer
44. Celebrity chef Mr. Oliver
45. Group of Seven artist, _._._ __ (b.1873 - d.1932)
47. __ Murad (Fashion designer)
50. Lay grass
51. Function
52. Oomph
53. 'Fluor' suffix
56. TV producer Norman
58. Microscope piece
59. Award-winning comedy series on TMN and Movie Central starring Jason Priestley: 3 wds.
63. Frankie Avalon's "__ Dinah"
64. Madonna movie
65. Hurt
66. Formal org.
67. Wool
68. Actress Nikki

Down
1. WWII fliers
2. Point-of-view
3. __ and Oceans Canada (Federal department)
4. Additional
5. Loonie
6. 'Gum' for a cow
7. Medical-style suffix
8. Luba's "Let ____"
9. One of the 3 Chefs on "Cityline", Randy __
10. "Dallas" family
11. Manage: 2 wds.
12. Architectural framework
15. "I just got _ __ pain in my gut!"
18. L'__ __ Montreal
23. Flooded
24. Skincare product
26. Denzel Washington/John Travolta movie, "The Taking of __ 1 2 3" (2009)
28. Physicians, puny-ly
30. '60s hallucinogen
31. "Oh" by __ featuring Ludacris
32. Light science
35. "Poison Heart" singer/songwriter from Victoria, BC: _ _ __
36. Trompe l'__ (Visual illusions)
37. Chef on "The Muppet Show", for one
40. California city, __ Bernardino
42. Some vowels
43. Three times
44. Country singer Ms. Messina: 2 wds.
45. Village in south-central Saskatchewan
46. Sleeve style
47. Nintendo's The Legend of __
48. "__ Gold" (1997)
49. Gives
54. History's Mr. Crockett
55. Mr. Kazan
57. Outlying
60. B, Z or M, e.g.
61. Tea: French
62. Alphabet's ender in Canada

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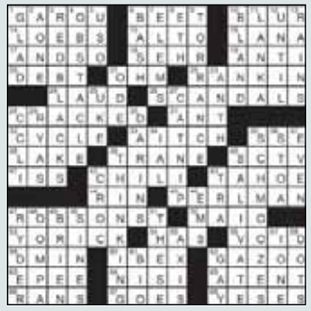

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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1	9	8	3	4	7	2	5	6
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